

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet to conduct a business meeting during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 15, 2001. The purpose of this business meeting will be to discuss the new Federal Farm bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 15, 2001, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on the nomination of Mr. Allen I. Mandelowitz, of Connecticut, to be a director of the Federal Housing Finance Board; Mr. Franz Leichter, of New York, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board; Mr. John Thomas Korsmo, of North Dakota, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board; Mr. Eduardo Aguirre, Jr., of Texas, to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States; and Mr. Randall Scott Kroszner, of Illinois, to be a member of the Council of Economic Advisors.

The Committee will also vote on the nominations of Mr. Mark W. Olson, of Minnesota, to be a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Dr. Susan Schmidt Bies, of Tennessee, to be a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and Mr. James Gilleran, of California, to be Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, November 15, 2001, at 10 a.m., on the nomination of William Schubert to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration of the Department of Transportation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet on Thursday, November 15, 2001, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on how S. 556 would affect the environment, the economy, and any improvements or amendments that should be made to the legislation. The hearing will be held in room SD-406.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on

Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 15, 2001, at 1 p.m., to consider the nomination of Richard Clarida to be Assistant Secretary of Treasury for Economic Policy; Kenneth Lawson to be Assistant Secretary of Treasury for Enforcement; B. John Williams, Jr., to be Chief Counsel/Assistant General Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service; Janet Hale to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Budget, Technology and Finance; Joan E. Ohl, to be Commissioner of Children, Youth and Family Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; James B. Lockhart III, to be Deputy Commissioner of the Social Security Administration; and Harold Daub to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 15, 2001, at 3:00 p.m., to hold a hearing titled, "Humanitarian Crisis: Is Enough Aid Reaching Afghanistan."

Witnesses

Panel 1: Carol Bellamy, Executive Director, UNICEF, New York City, NY; Catherine Bertini, Executive Director, World Food Program, Washington, DC; and Guenet Guebre-Christos, Representative, United Nations High Commission for Refugees, Washington, DC.

Panel 2: Joel Charny, Vice-President, Refugees International, Washington, DC, and Peter Bell, President, CARE International, Atlanta, GA.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, November 15, 2001, at 9:30 a.m., to hold a hearing entitled "Oversight of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services: Medicare Payment Policies for Ambulance Services."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGING THREATS AND CAPABILITIES

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 15, 2001, at 2:30 p.m., in open and closed session to receive testimony on terrorist organizations and motivations.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Dan Dager, a

detailee on my staff, be granted the privilege of the floor during the Senate's consideration of H.R. 2230, the Agriculture Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2002.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. GREGG. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that a member of my staff, Nancy Perkins, have floor privileges during the pendency of this bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. GRAHAM. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that a member of my staff, Shawn Fitzpatrick, be granted the privilege of the floor for the duration of the debate on H.R. 1552.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2001

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 10 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, November 16; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate be in a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I do not believe there is any further business to come before the Senate this evening. I therefore ask unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:34 p.m., adjourned until Friday, November 16, 2001, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate November 15, 2001:

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

VICKERS B. MEADOWS, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, VICE MARILYN A. DAVIS.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

BEVERLY COOK, OF IDAHO, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF ENERGY (ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY AND HEALTH), VICE DAVID MICHAELS, RESIGNED.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

J. PAUL GILMAN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, VICE NORINE E. NOONAN, RESIGNED.

MORRIS X. WINN, OF TEXAS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, VICE ROMULO L. DIAZ, JR., RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

EDWARD KINGMAN, JR., OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, VICE LISA GAYLE ROSS, RESIGNED.

EDWARD KINGMAN, JR., OF MARYLAND, TO BE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, VICE LISA GAYLE ROSS, RESIGNED.